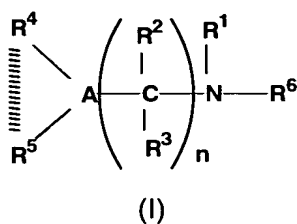


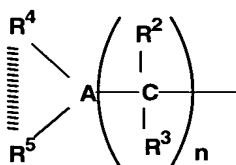
CLAIMS

1. A compound represented by formula (I):



- 5 wherein A represents CH or N;

R¹ represents hydrogen and R⁶ represents -CH₂C(R⁷)(OH)CH₂OR⁸; or



R¹ represents

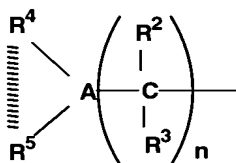
and R⁶ represents -CH₂C(R⁷)(OH)CH₂OR⁸;

or

R¹ represents -CH₂C(R⁷)(OH)CH₂OR⁸ and R⁶ represents an alkyl or alkenyl group

- 10 having C₄-C₃₆ carbon atoms; or

R¹ represents hydrogen and R⁶ represents -CH₂C(R⁷)(OH)R⁸; or



R¹ represents

and R⁶ represents -CH₂C(R⁷)(OH)R⁸; or

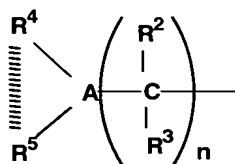
R¹ represents -CH₂C(R⁷)(OH)R⁸ and R⁶ represents an alkyl or alkenyl group having C₄-C₃₆ carbon atoms;

- 15 R² and R³ each represent hydrogen or an alkyl or alkenyl group having C₁-C₆ carbon atoms;

R⁴ and R⁵ each represent an alkyl group having C₁-C₆ carbon atoms when A represents N; or

R⁴ and R⁵ together represent a C₂-C₅ alkylene group when A represents N; or

- 20 R⁴ and R⁵ together represent a C₂-C₅ alkylene group containing NR¹⁰ or NR¹¹ when A is CH or N, where R¹⁰ is hydrogen or an alkyl group having C₁-C₄ carbon atoms and R¹¹ is

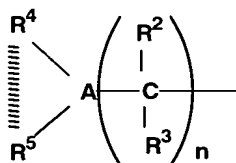


an alkyl group having C₁-C₄ carbon atoms or ;

R^7 represents hydrogen or an alkyl or alkenyl group having C_1 - C_5 carbon atoms;
 R^8 represents an alkyl or alkenyl group having C_4 - C_{36} carbon atoms or $-COR^9$, where R^9
represents an alkyl or alkenyl group having C_3 - C_{35} carbon atoms; and
 n is an integer from 1 to 3, and where the compound is acid-blocked.

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2. The compound of claim 1, wherein R^1 is hydrogen or



3. The compound of claim 1, wherein R^2 and R^3 are hydrogen.

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4. The compound of claim 1, wherein R^4 and R^5 are alkyl groups having C_1 - C_6
carbon atoms when A represents N.

5. The compound of claim 1, wherein R^4 and R^5 together represent
15 $-CH_2CH_2N(CH_3)CH_2-$.

6. The compound of claim 1, wherein R^7 is hydrogen.

7. The compound of claim 1, wherein R^8 is an alkyl or alkenyl group having C_4 - C_{22}
20 carbon atoms or $-COR^9$.

8. The compound of claim 1, wherein R^9 is an alkyl or alkenyl group having C_3 - C_{22}
carbon atoms.

25 9. The compound of claim 1, wherein n is 2 or 3.

10. The compound of claim 1, wherein the compound is selected from the group
consisting of N,N-bis-(3-dimethylaminopropyl)-N-(2-hydroxypropyl-octadecyl ether)
amine, N-(3-dimethylaminopropyl)-N-(2-hydroxypropyl-octadecyl ether) amine, N,N-bis-
30 (3-dimethylaminopropyl)-N-(2-hydroxypropyl-hexadecyl ether) amine, N-(3-
dimethylaminopropyl)-N-(2-hydroxypropyl-hexadecyl ether) amine, N,N-bis-(3-

dimethylaminopropyl)-N-(2-hydroxypropyl-tetradecyl ether) amine, N-(3-dimethylaminopropyl)-N-(2-hydroxypropyl-tetradecyl ether) amine, N,N-bis-(3-dimethylaminopropyl)-N-(2-hydroxypropyl-dodecyl ether) amine, N-(3-dimethylaminopropyl)-N-(2-hydroxypropyl-dodecyl ether) amine, N,N-bis-(3-dimethylaminopropyl)-N-(2-hydroxypropyl-decyl ether) amine, N-(3-dimethylaminopropyl)-N-(2-hydroxypropyl-decyl ether) amine, N,N-bis-(3-dimethylaminopropyl)-N-(2-hydroxypropyl-octyl ether) amine, N-(3-dimethylaminopropyl)-N-(2-hydroxypropyl-octyl ether) amine, N,N-bis-(3-dimethylaminopropyl)-N-(2-hydroxypropyl-2-ethylhexyl ether) amine, N-(3-dimethylaminopropyl)-N-(2-hydroxypropyl-2-ethylhexyl ether) amine, N,N-bis-(3-dimethylaminopropyl)-N-(2-hydroxypropyl-hexyl ether) amine, N-(3-dimethylaminopropyl)-N-(2-hydroxypropyl-hexyl ether) amine, N,N-bis-(3-dimethylaminopropyl)-N-(2-hexanol) amine, N-(3-dimethylaminopropyl)-N-(2-hexanol) amine, N,N-bis-(3-dimethylaminopropyl)-N-(2-octanol) amine, N-(3-dimethylaminopropyl)-N-(2-octanol) amine, N,N-bis-(3-dimethylaminopropyl)-N-(2-decanol) amine, N-(3-dimethylaminopropyl)-N-(2-decanol) amine, N,N-bis-(3-dimethylaminopropyl)-N-(2-dodecanol) amine, N-(3-dimethylaminopropyl)-N-(2-dodecanol) amine, N,N-bis-(3-dimethylaminopropyl)-N-(2-tetradecanol) amine, N-(3-dimethylaminopropyl)-N-(2-tetradecanol) amine, N,N-bis-(3-dimethylaminopropyl)-N-(2-hexadecanol) amine, N-(3-dimethylaminopropyl)-N-(2-hexadecanol) amine, N,N-bis-(3-dimethylaminopropyl)-N-(2-octadecanol) amine, N-(3-dimethylaminopropyl)-N-(2-octadecanol) amine; N,N-bis-(3-dimethylaminopropyl)-N-(2-hydroxypropyl butyl ether) amine; and N,N-bis-(3-dimethylaminopropyl)-N-(2-hydroxypropyl-neodecanoic ester) amine.

11. The compound of claim 10, wherein the compound is selected from the group consisting of N,N-bis-(3-dimethylaminopropyl)-N-(2-hydroxypropyl-octadecyl ether) amine, N-(3-dimethylaminopropyl)-N-(2-hydroxypropyl-octadecyl ether) amine, N,N-bis-(3-dimethylaminopropyl)-N-(2-hydroxypropyl-hexadecyl ether) amine, N-(3-dimethylaminopropyl)-N-(2-hydroxypropyl-hexadecyl ether) amine, N,N-bis-(3-dimethylaminopropyl)-N-(2-hydroxypropyl-tetradecyl ether) amine, N-(3-dimethylaminopropyl)-N-(2-hydroxypropyl-tetradecyl ether) amine, N,N-bis-(3-dimethylaminopropyl)-N-(2-hydroxypropyl-dodecyl ether) amine, N-(3-dimethylaminopropyl)-N-(2-hydroxypropyl-dodecyl ether) amine, N,N-bis-(3-dimethylaminopropyl)-N-(2-hydroxypropyl-decyl ether) amine, N-(3-

dimethylaminopropyl)-N-(2-hydroxypropyl-decyl ether) amine, N,N-bis-(3-dimethylaminopropyl)-N-(2-hydroxypropyl-octyl ether) amine, N-(3-dimethylaminopropyl)-N-(2-hydroxypropyl-octyl ether) amine, N,N-bis-(3-dimethylaminopropyl)-N-(2-hydroxypropyl-2-ethylhexyl ether) amine, N-(3-dimethylaminopropyl)-N-(2-hydroxypropyl-2-ethylhexyl ether) amine, N,N-bis-(3-dimethylaminopropyl)-N-(2-hydroxypropyl-hexyl ether) amine, N-(3-dimethylaminopropyl)-N-(2-hydroxypropyl-hexyl ether) amine; N,N-bis-(3-dimethylaminopropyl)-N-(2-hydroxypropyl butyl ether) amine; and N,N-bis-(3-dimethylaminopropyl)-N-(2-hydroxypropyl-neodecanoic ester) amine.

10 12. The compound of claim 11, wherein the compound is N,N-bis-(3-dimethylaminopropyl)-N-(2-hydroxypropyl butyl ether) amine.

13. The compound of claim 11, wherein the compound is N,N-bis-(3-dimethylaminopropyl)-N-(2-hydroxypropyl-2-ethylhexyl ether) amine.

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14. The compound of claim 11, wherein the compound is N,N-bis-(3-dimethylaminopropyl)-N-(2-hydroxypropyl-tetradecyl ether) amine.

15. The compound of claim 11, wherein the compound is N,N-bis-(3-dimethylaminopropyl)-N-(2-hydroxypropyl-dodecyl ether) amine.

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16. The compound of claim 11, wherein the compound is N,N-bis-(3-dimethylaminopropyl)-N-(2-hydroxypropyl-neodecanoic ester) amine.

25 17. The compound of claim 11, wherein the compound is a mixture of N,N-bis-(3-dimethylaminopropyl)-N-(2-hydroxypropyl-tetradecyl ether) amine and N,N-bis-(3-dimethylaminopropyl)-N-(2-hydroxypropyl-dodecyl ether) amine.

18. The compound of Claim 1 in which the composition is acid-blocked with a carboxylic acid.

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19. The compound of Claim 18 in which the carboxylic acid is formic acid, acetic acid, 2-ethyl-hexanoic acid, gluconic acid, or N-(2-hydroxyethyl)-iminodiacetic acid.

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